

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendments and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-8 and 16 are amended; and no claims are newly added or canceled herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Claim 4 has been amended to be in independent form. Claim 16 has been amended to remove multiple dependencies. As support for the amendments to Claims 4-8 and 16 may be found in the original specification, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by these amendments.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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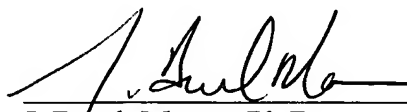
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